



## COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

### S.C. SENATE APPROVES RICK REAMES AS REVENUE DIRECTOR

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Columbia, S.C. – The South Carolina Senate voted unanimously to confirm Rick Reames III as the Director of the South Carolina Department of Revenue (SCDOR) today, March 5, 2015. Reames, a tax lawyer with nearly 15 years professional experience, was nominated for the position by Governor Nikki Haley on, and served as acting director since, July 18, 2014.



“Rick Reames has proven to be a tremendous asset at the Department of Revenue since taking over the job last year, and we’re excited to see where his leadership will continue to take the agency,” Gov. Nikki Haley said. “He has done a wonderful job improving security and communications at DOR, and we’re confident that, under his leadership, the agency will serve South Carolinians as efficiently and effectively as possible.”

The mission of the South Carolina Department of Revenue is to administer the revenue and regulatory laws of the state. As Director, Reames is committed to strengthening security while also advancing functionality, service and accountability. He led efforts to institute a system to better track internal processes and performance and also began implementation of a new tax processing system to enhance customer service and bolster fraud detection and prevention.

“I appreciate the confidence Governor Haley and the Senate have in me, and I am honored to serve,” Reames said. “I look forward to advancing the Department in service to South Carolina.”

Individuals and businesses have responded positively to Reames and his efforts to make the Department more responsive to market needs. With his leadership, the Department is improving communications and security to effectively balance risk management with quality, timely service.

“South Carolina’s business community is pleased to have a talent like Rick Reames who is willing to leave the private sector to serve our state as the next Director at the South Carolina Department of Revenue,” said Ted Pitts, president and CEO of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce. “Rick understands the state’s tax system and will be diligent, timely and fair in administering the law.”

Prior to his service at the SCDOR, Reames was a partner with Nexsen Pruet, a business law firm with offices in North and South Carolina. He earned his degree in Business Economics from Wofford College, his law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law and his L.L.M. degree in taxation from New York University School of Law. Reames is originally from Florence, S.C. and now lives in Columbia, S.C. with his wife, Elizabeth, and their three children.

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